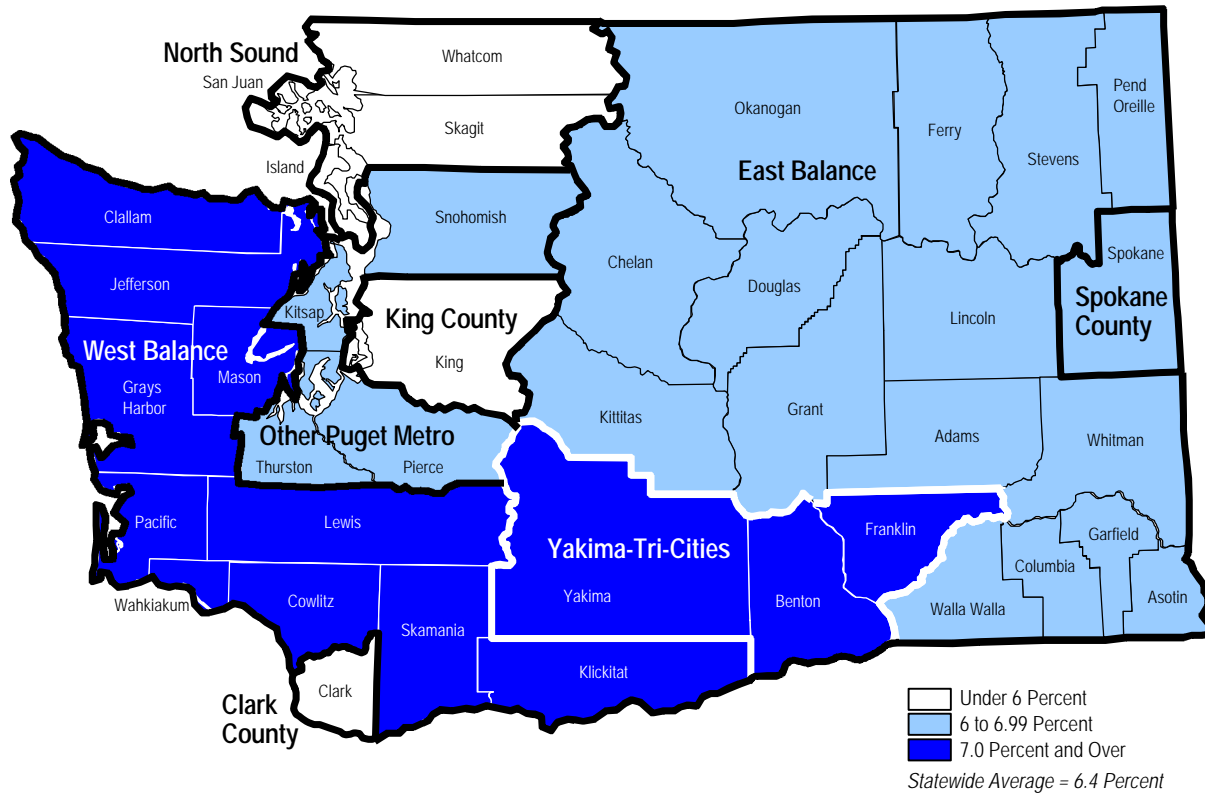


Percent of Households with Public Assistance

WASHINGTON STATE



- Statewide, about 6.5 percent of survey households reported getting some form of public assistance. This proportion might not correspond to administrative record data due to differences in data collection and definition.
- There is less variation among the regions in the percent of households receiving public assistance than would be expected given the income and poverty differences. The range is from a low of 4.8 percent in North Sound to a high of 8.5 percent in Yakima-Tri-Cities.

About the State Population Survey

The **Washington State Population Survey** was conducted in the spring of 1998 to provide social, demographic, and economic information about Washington residents that would otherwise not be available between the 1990 and 2000 federal census years.

Responses to the survey were obtained from telephone interviews of 7,279 households that represent the state population as a whole. The survey was designed by the **Office of Financial Management** and conducted by the **Washington State University Social and Economic Sciences Research Center**.

Data from the survey, as well as a background report titled, *1998 Washington State Population Survey Data Report*, are available electronically at <http://www.wa.gov/ofm/> under **Population/Data**, or by calling the Office of Financial Management at **(360) 902-0599**.